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FOR S/CCT

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TAGS PINS, CASC, SOCI, CO

SUBJ: COOPER KIDNAPPING--SEARS REQUEST TO PASS SENSITIVE

MESSAGE TO SEARS HOME OFFICE

1. SEARS VP LINDSAY, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF LOCAL NEGOTIATION FOR SEARS, HAS SENSITIVE INFO HE WISHES TO PASS TO HIS SUPERIORS, BUT WHICH HE DOES NOT WISH TO DO OVER OPEN PHONE LINES. HE HAS ASKED IF DEPT/EMB WOULD DO SO FOR HIM. WE HAVE AGREED. REQUEST THAT FOL MESSAGE BE PASSED TO J H GALLAGHER., SEARS ROEBUCK CHICAGO, TEL: AREA CODE 312, OFFICE PHONE: 875-9702 AND HOME: 564:1947:

2. QUOTE:

MY PHONE NOW TAPPED BY AUTHORITIES. WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO USE IT EXCEPT FOR VERY PRIVATE MATTERS. IF YOU NEED TO TALK TO ME ON UNTAPPED LINE TELL ME "CLAIRE IS WORRIED" AND I WILL CALL YOU.

MEETING WITH AMB AND GEN MATAALLANA VERY POSITIVE. HE IS MAN IN CHARGE OF COOPER AFFAIR FOR GOVT AND ALSO MY CONTACT. HE IS NO 3 IN ARMY SENIORITY AND HEAD DAS, ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT OF FBI. MATAALLANA ASSURES US THAT HIS PRIME CONCERN IS TO GET COOPER BACK ALIVE. HE PROMISES NOT TO TAKE IMPORTANT DECISIONS WITHOUT CONSULTING AMB AND ME. HE WILL MEET WITH ME DAILY HERE. VAKY AND I HAVE PROMISED FULL COOPERATION AND NOT TO TAKE ACTION  
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WITHOUT ADVISING MATAALLANA.

MATALLANA HAS SET UP COMBINED FORCE OF 250 MEN FROM ARMY INTEL, DAS AND POLICE. OTHERS WORKING PART TIME. SIZE OF EFFORT REFLECTS GOVT CONCERN. SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FORCE IS DESIGNED TO FIND COOPER NOT TO PAVE THE WAY FOR NEGOTIATIONS. MATALLANA NEEDS EQUIPMENT AND MONEY. EMB WILL CONSIDER FORMER, WE THE LATTER. DON'T KNOW YET HOW MUCH.

MY MAIN TASK NOW IS TO ESTABLISH SMOOTH RELATIONS WITH MATALLANA SO THAT WHEN TIME COMES WE CAN MAKE DECISIONS IN ATMOSPHERE OF TRUST. PLEASE ADVISE RECEIPT. LINDSAY UNQUOTE VAKY

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED.

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